
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Spirituials

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Lamb of God* Benton Price

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INTROIT *O Worship the Lord (Psalm 96)* Anonymous
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #642** *Abide with Me (vs. 1,3,5)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #813**

MISSION MOMENT Jesus Loves You Ministry – Ashley Brantley

ANTHEM *Lord, Listen to Your Children* Medema/ Schrader
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

OFFERTORY *I Surrender All* W. S. Weeden, arr. Craig Curry

DOXOLOGY***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thanks be to You, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN #640** *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

SCRIPTURE Leviticus 19:17-18; Mark 12:28-34

MESSAGE *Thy Neighbor* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #639** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #426** Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1

POSTLUDE *Rock of Ages* John M. Rasley

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth
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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Focus

- Pray for those who serve in the military and their families.
- Pray for First Responders and Healthcare Workers.
- Pray for our church as we seek to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for those who are recovering from Hurricane Ian.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi, Eric Stone family, and Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Peru, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.
- Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.
- Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County.
- Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

• Those who Grieve

Pray for the family of Dave Woods, who went home to the Lord on February 8th. A Graveside Service was held on February 13th.

Those with Special Needs

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| Rachel Pfaender | Kay Callahan | Phyllis Ehrhardt | Dave Sifferd |
| Lynn Lang | Ron Sixt | Rick Berner | Jack Rothley |
| Irene Csontos | Barb Harris | Ernie Lehman | |

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, Royal Palm

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Joan Hoffman to the Glory of God.

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for **\$37.50**. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer, listing the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.

BULLETIN BOARD – Check out notes and messages of interest on the Bulletin Board in the church foyer.

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale’s prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org.

OUR DAILY BREAD – This booklet of daily devotionals is on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

STREAMING MINISTRY – Live stream our services on our website homepage (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo [vimeo livestream](https://www.vimeo.com/livestream).

FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following the Worship Service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. You may bring cookies / treats to share!

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

| | <u>January</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| *Tithes & Offerings | \$38,611.51 | \$38,611.51 |
| Cash Expenditures | <u>\$26,373.02</u> | <u>\$26,373.02</u> |
| Net | \$12,238.49 | \$12,238.49 |

*This amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given this month

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – Next Class will be on May 21st. We will have a one class introduction to FPC. If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please join us. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

DEACON’S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, February 21st at 10:00am* with Lesson 18 (James 4:7-10 “Drawing Near to God” of *Growing in Wisdom & Faith, a study of James* by Elizabeth George from her “A Woman After God’s Own Heart” series. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. *All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.*

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *Wednesday, February 22nd, at 10:00am.* The Book of Job presents us with several tough questions about life. We look forward to some good discussion around God’s Word, and we trust that at the end of our study we can say with Job, “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – *Friday, February 24th* – We have an opportunity to serve at Misión Peniel in Immokalee by bagging and distributing groceries to the migrant farm workers. *We will carpool from our church at 12:30pm.* On our way back, we will stop for dinner at Cracker Barrel. Please sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, March 1st at 5:00pm.* Barksdale and Bo will be hosting a get-together dinner at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, March 3rd, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES – *Sunday, March 12th, 3:00pm* – For our last concert of the 2022-2023 series, come to hear Patti Page (a Handbell Soloist) and the Joyful Ringers (a Handbell Choir from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Charlotte). A free will offering will be taken.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER – *Wednesday, March 15th, 5:00pm* – Plan now to attend our annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner with corned beef and cabbage and fixings, along with “green” desserts. Nancy Smith will play piano, and we will sing Irish songs. Pastor Barksdale will do a trivia game. Suggested donation is \$15.00. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS –

Shower Ministry (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) – Please place “shower” items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2022 in our church budget, please make checks payable to FPC and on the memo line write the name of the mission.

- Antioch Partners – Stone Family (Guatemala) or Lisa Alfonsi (Peru)
- Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)
- Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)
- Misión Peniel (Immokalee)
- Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

February 19th to February 26th

Sunday, February 19

10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Deacon’s Fund Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting - FaceBook

Monday, February 20

2:00pm

Session

Tuesday, February 21

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, February 22

10:00am
10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine
Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, February 23

10:00am
4:30pm

Game Fellowship
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 24

12:30pm

Immokalee Mission Trip

Sunday, February 26

10:15am
10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

First Sunday in Lent

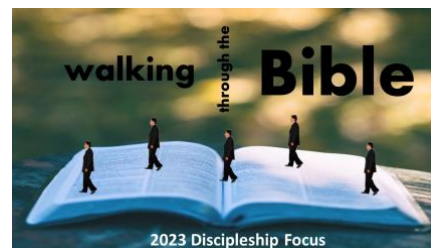
Hymn Sing
Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Leviticus 19:17-18; Mark 12:28-34

¹⁷“Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. ¹⁸“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.””

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” ²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” ³² “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.



- February 19 Leviticus 9:1-11:47
- February 20 Leviticus 12:1-14:32
- February 21 Leviticus 14:33-16:34
- February 22 Leviticus 17:1-19:37
- February 23 Leviticus 20:1-22:33
- February 24 Leviticus 23:1-25:23
- February 25 Leviticus 25:24-26:46

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Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!

This morning as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health and strength in God.

We are glad to welcome each guest and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God’s call with this congregation.

February 19, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Joan Byron
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
John Evans

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